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REMARKS

Claims 3, 4 and 7-11 have been cancelled. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended into independent form. Hence, claims 5, 6 and 20 are pending in the application.

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claim 20.

Regarding claims 5 and 6, these claims were solely rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 5 and 6 to be in independent form and to obviate the indefiniteness rejection. Accordingly, Applicants submit claims 5 and 6 are also in condition for allowance.

Regarding the prior art rejection of claims 3, 4 and 7-11, Applicants have cancelled those claims to moot the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, only allowable claims 5, 6 and 20 remain in the application. As only amendments have been made canceling claims and complying with the formality rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 set forth in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered and the application passed to issuance.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

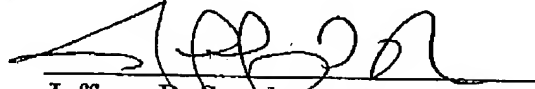
If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
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Respectfully submitted,

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